

## Message Text

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ACTION SIG-02

INFO OCT-01 ARA-10 ISO-00 /013 W  
-----192312Z 093334 /12

P R 192204Z MAY 77  
FM AMCONSUL MATAMOROS  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 306  
INFO AMEMBASSY MEXICO

UNCLAS MATAMOROS 0058

FOR S/IG

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: ASIG, MX  
SUBJECT: INSPECTION OF ARA/MEX POSTS  
REF: STATE 113119

1. MATAMOROS IS A SMALL TWO-OFFICER CONSULAR POST  
PERFORMING ALL CONSULAR SERVICES WITH EXCEPTION OF PASSPORT  
ISSUANCE AND IMMIGRANT VISA WORK.

2. VISAS - PROJECTIONS FOR 1977 CALENDAR YEAR ARE FOR  
ISSUING AND REFUSING ABOUT 4,500 NIVS. MALA FIDES OF MANY  
APPLICANTS MAIN DIFFICULTY, OFFICERS ALERT TO PROBLEM AND  
REFUSE 25 0/0.

3. PRISONERS - THERE ARE 26 AMCIT PRISONERS IN 4 JAILS IN  
EQUAL NUMBER OF CITIES IN CONSULAR DISTRICT. OF THOSE ONLY  
7 NOT YET SENTENCED. ABOUT 100 0/0 WISH TO BE EXCHANGED,  
THEREFORE, WHEN TREATY GOES IN EFFECT ONLY A HANDFUL OF  
PRISONERS WILL REMAIN. NUMBER OF ARRESTED AMERICANS CONTINUE  
TO DECREASE. TREND SHOULD ACCELERATE DUE TO MEXICAN ATTORNEY  
GENERAL'S "100 GRAM RULE" (MEXICO 07681 AND PREVIOUS).  
THERE ARE NO PROBLEMS IN THIS AREA, POST RECEIVES ABOUT  
3 CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRIES EVERY 6 MONTHS.

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4. PROTECTION OF US TOURISTS AND US STOLEN AUTOMOBILES -  
THE INCIDENTS REQUIRING OUR INTERVENTION APPEAR TO BE  
INCREASING IN THIS AREA AND PRINCIPAL OFFICER IS SPENDING  
MORE TIME ON IT. MATTER WILL BE DISCUSSED FURTHER DURING  
VISIT OF INSPECTORS.

5. POST HAS NO OTHER PROBLEMS, RELATIONS WITH THE MISSION

CAN ONLY BE TERMED AS EXCELLENT.  
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